Searching for High Frequency GW with Axion Detectors

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First Detector of Stochastic GW



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How can we detect GW with f > O(1MHz)?



















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Electromagnetism with Axion

Axion-Photon Coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm int} = -\frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma\gamma} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Effective Current

$$\partial_{\nu}F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\nu}\left(g_{a\gamma\gamma}a\tilde{F}^{\nu\mu}\right) = g_{a\gamma\gamma}(\partial_{\nu}a)\tilde{F}^{\nu\mu} \equiv j_{\text{eff}}^{\mu}$$

Axion is mainly sensitive to the magnetic field

$$\mathbf{j}_{\mathrm{eff}} = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{\mathrm{DM}}} \cos(m_a t) \mathbf{B} \qquad \rho_{\mathrm{DM}} \simeq 0.3 \ \mathrm{GeV/cm^3}$$

Axion Detectors

• Axion haloscope experiments [2203.14923 for review]

$$\Phi = e^{-i\omega t} g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sqrt{2\rho_{\rm DM}} B_{\rm max} \pi r^2 R \ln(1 + a/R)$$
measurement
$$constraints$$

- Solenoidal: ADMX-SLIC, BASE, DMRadio-m³
- Toroidal: ABRACADABRA, SHAFT

SSC

0.3

0.5

0.8

1

 m_a [neV]

5

[1810.12257]

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EM-HFGW Program



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• **TT frame**
$$h_{ij}^{TT} = (h^+ e_{ij}^+ (\phi_h, \theta_h) + h^{\times} e_{ij}^{\times} (\phi_h, \theta_h)) e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega \mathbf{t})}$$

Coordinates fixed by geodesic of freely falling test masses

• GW takes the simple form $h_{0\mu} = 0, h_i^i = 0, \partial_j h^{ij} = 0$

Detector (rigid body) looks oscillating in presence of GWs
 → makes the experimental setup & observables obscure



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[Berlin, Blas, Tito D'Agnolo, Ellis, Harnik, Kahn, Schutte-Engel '21] [Domcke, Carcia-Cely, Rodd '22]

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 $Q^{-1} \sim \frac{\Delta \omega}{\omega}$

Coherence Ratio Factor

$$R_c = \left(\frac{Q_a}{Q_h}\right)^{1/4}$$
 (persistent signal)

For more general cases, [Domcke, Carcia-Cely, SML, Rodd 23']

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This cancellation *always* happens for *cylindrically symmetric* axion detectors

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Example: Toroidal Geometry

Normal Loop

$$\Phi_{\rm GW} = \frac{ie^{-i\omega t}}{48} \omega^3 B_{\rm max} \pi r^2 Ra(a+2R)h^{\times} \sin^2\theta_h$$



Figure-8 Loop

$$\Phi_{\rm GW, Fig-8} = \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{3} \omega^2 B_{\rm max} r^3 R \ln\left(1 + \frac{a}{R}\right) s_{\theta_h} (h^{\times} s_{\phi_h} - h^+ c_{\theta_h} c_{\phi_h})$$
[2202.00695]

Kills axion sensitivity

Result: Reinterpreting Axion Detectors

BASE





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Future Prospects

WISPLC

• DMRadio Proposal



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$$\propto e^{-i\omega t} h^+ \sin^2 \theta_h D^{mn} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & -1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}_{mn}$$

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Selection Rule 3: For an instrument with full cylindrical symmetry, Φ_h will contain only even or odd powers of ω .

Leading Orders

[Domcke, Carcia-Cely, SML, Rodd '23]

| | | $\widehat{m{n}}'$ | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | \hat{e}_{z} | $\hat{e}_{oldsymbol{\phi}}$ | $\hat{e}_{ ho}$ | | |
| B | $\begin{array}{c c} \hat{e}_z \\ \textbf{(Sol)} \end{array}$ | h_+ , even : $O[(\omega L)^2]$ | h_{\times} , odd : $O[(\omega L)^3]$ BASE | h_+ , odd : $O[(\omega L)^3]$ off-center: $O[(\omega L)^2]$ | | |
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Optimal axion detection forbids optimal GW detection

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Symmetry is always good for theory, but sometimes bad for experiments.

Need to break cylindrical symmetry

Back Ups

Axion/Scalar Electrodynamics

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Axion/Scalar Electrodynamics

| | Solenoid: $\mathbf{B}_0 \propto \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$ | Toroid: $\mathbf{B}_0 \propto \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\phi}$ | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| $\hat{\mathbf{n}}' \propto \hat{\mathbf{o}}$ | scalar | axion (ABRA) | | |
| $\mathbf{n} \propto \mathbf{e}_z$ | $\Phi_a \equiv 0, \ \Phi_{\varphi} \neq 0$ | $\Phi_a \neq 0, \ \Phi_{\varphi} \equiv 0$ | | |
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Benchmark Signals

Superradiance



■ PBH

(B1)
$$T_h = \tau_h = 1 \text{ s}, Q_h = f_* \tau_h$$

(B2) $T_h \gg T_m, Q_h = 10^{10}$

| | Q_r | T_{m} | f_* | $\mathcal{R}_c^{(\mathrm{B1})}$ | $\mathcal{R}_{c}^{(\mathrm{B2})}$ |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ADMX SLIC [16] | 3×10^3 | $320 \mathrm{s}^{15}$ | $50\mathrm{MHz}$ | 1.6 | 0.1 |
| BASE [17] | 4×10^4 | $1 \min$ | $0.7\mathrm{MHz}$ | 3.0 | 0.39 |
| WISPLC [19] | 10^{4} | $1 \min$ | (30 kHz, 5 MHz) | (6.7, 1.9) | (0.86, 0.24) |
| DMRadio [21] | 2×10^7 | $(8\mathrm{mins},60\mathrm{ns})$ | $(100 \mathrm{kHz}, 30 \mathrm{MHz})$ | (787, 1) | (0.18,1) |

Persistent signal and a long interrogation time

$$\mathcal{R}_{c} = \sqrt{\frac{Q_{a}}{Q_{h}}} \left(\frac{\max[Q_{h}, Q_{r}]}{\max[Q_{a}, Q_{r}]} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{1}{\max[1, \min[Q_{a}, Q_{r}]/Q_{h}]} \right)^{1/4}$$
$$= \begin{cases} (Q_{a}/Q_{h})^{1/2} & Q_{a} < Q_{h} < Q_{r}, \\ (Q_{a}^{2}/Q_{r}Q_{h})^{1/4} & Q_{a} < Q_{r} < Q_{h}, \\ (Q_{a}/Q_{h})^{1/4} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Transient signal of equal duration and coherence time

$$\mathcal{R}_c = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_a}{T_{m,h}}} \frac{\tau_r}{\min[T_{m,h}, \tau_r]} \left(\frac{T_{m,a}}{\max[\tau_a, \tau_r]}\right)^{1/4}$$